WLL Technology in Tamil Nadu

911. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology is being used throughout the country in a big way;

(b) whether the technology has also been introduced in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 13,500 lines of WLL equipment (8500 lines in rural plus 5000 lines in urban areas) have so far been installed and commissioned in Tamil Nadu.

Telecom facility to the villages of U.P.

†912. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in U.P. have been proviced with telecom facility;

(b) the Number and details of the electronic exchanges installed in U.P. during the year 2001-2002; and

(c) whether all the electronic exchanges are working smoothly togetherwith the number of the electronic exchanges installed in Moradabad and Badayun districts and also proposed to be set up there in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) All the inhabited revenue villages except 252 villages in U.P. have already been provided with telecom facility. These 252 villages could not be covered due to disputes.

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